

Please explain the trade association's position

Scottish Renewables is the trade association representing Scotland's renewable energy industry. They work to grow Scotland's renewable energy sector to sustain its position at the forefront of the global clean energy industry. Scottish Renewables supports the 2050 UK net zero target.

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?

As a member of this organisation, SSE has strongly advocated that Scottish Renewables make the case for, and support a policy environment that encourages, low-carbon investment in Scotland. SSE is represented on the Scottish Renewables board, with a strong focus on guiding engagement around Scottish planning policy to support future onshore wind development.

Trade association

International Emissions Trading Association (IETA)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?

Consistent

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International Emissions Trading Association advocates emissions trading globally and the EU ETS.

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?

As a member of this organisation, SSE has strongly advocated for emissions trading globally and reform of the EU ETS.

Trade association

Confederation of British Industry (CBI) (in Northern Ireland only)
IBEC – Ireland only

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?

Consistent

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CBI and IBEC supports energy efficiency, future proofing business against climate threats and moving businesses towards carbon neutrality by enabling the market to develop the solutions that are needed to achieve these goals. In Northern Ireland, engagement with the CBI has been focused on highlighting the need for an revised energy policy in NI. Currently the Strategic Energy Framework runs out in 2020, however, its has become outdated with many of targets including the 40% renewable energy target all but reached. On the issue of climate change in NI it has recently been reported by the CCC that NI will have to play 'Catch up' when it comes to introducing policies to tackle climate change. NI is the only devolved administration without its own climate change legislation

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?

SSE and IBEC advocates that the CBI supports low carbon investment, policy on carbon targets/ EU ETS/ energy efficiency.

Trade association

WindEurope

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?

Consistent

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Wind Europe is the trade association representing the wind industry and is actively promoting wind power in Europe and worldwide. WindEurope has called on the European Commission to include a 100% renewables scenario as part of the Impact Assessment for the EU Climate Law.

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?

As a member of this organisation, SSE has strongly advocated that WindEurope make the case for, and support a policy environment that encourages, low-carbon investment. SSE has also worked with WindEurope to support a close relationship between the UK and EU on energy and climate matters with the shared aim of reaching net zero by 2050.

Trade association

Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?

Consistent

Please explain the trade association's position

IWEA is the trade association representing Ireland's wind energy industry. They work to grow Ireland's wind energy sector to sustain its position at the forefront of the global clean energy industry. IWEA advocated strongly for a 70% renewable electricity 2030 target for Ireland.

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?

As a member of this organisation, SSE has strongly advocated that IWEA make the case for an ambitious offshore and onshore wind policy, complemented by a policy environment that encourages, low-carbon investment in Ireland. SSE is represented on the IWEA board, with a strong focus on guiding engagement around Irish planning policy to support future onshore and offshore wind development.

C12.3e

(C12.3e) Provide details of the other engagement activities that you undertake.

SSE engages with other organisations on an ad hoc basis in relation to climate-related issues and communications such as carbon pricing, net zero and the low carbon transition. For example:

- In June 2020, SSE also joined over 200 businesses in co-signing a letter, coordinated by The Prince of Wales's Corporate Leaders Group, to the UK Prime Minister stating that we believe that an ambitious low carbon growth and environmental improvement agenda can deliver a Coronavirus recovery plan, as well as make the UK economy better prepared to deal with future shocks such as those related to climate change.
- SSE joined other leading low carbon developers to write to the UK Government, encouraging them to adopt a robust approach to carbon pricing in their future energy plans. The letter outlined the need for stability and certainty, and called on HM Treasury to ensure efforts to reach net zero by 2050 are not undermined by any reduction to the carbon pricing level in Great Britain currently made up of the EU ETS and the Carbon Price Support (CPS).
- In March 2020, SSE joined six other European energy companies in a letter to European Commission Executive Vice President, Frans Timmermans, which called on the Commission to implement climate neutrality across all policy areas in the EU by 2050 at the very latest as well as increasing the EU's 2030 ambition ahead of COP26 to at least 55%. The letter also suggested the implementation of an intermediate target in 2040 that is aligned with the EU's climate action framework.

C12.3f

(C12.3f) What processes do you have in place to ensure that all of your direct and indirect activities that influence policy are consistent with your overall climate change strategy?

SSE's business strategy and sustainability value (one of six of its core values) guides its overall approach on environment and climate change issues. SSE has policy and public affairs specialists based in Glasgow, Edinburgh, London, Belfast and Dublin who engage openly and constructively with legislators, officials and other policy makers on all aspects of environment (including water) and climate change policy. All communications across the business are managed by these experts and processes are in place to ensure consistency, quality and accuracy of communications across SSE. SSE has a commitment to responsible political engagement and this is communicated through its political engagement policy. This policy is in place for all employees and is consistently applied across the SSE Group and governs both SSE's policies in this area – for example its policy on political contributions - and serves as a guide to how employees should conduct themselves when representing SSE to government or other institutions. SSE has also signed up to the voluntary membership of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations' UK Lobbying Register. A Lobby Register is in place in Ireland to which SSE is required to make quarterly updates. Alongside the SSE Group policy, employees are governed by its Code of Conduct. SSE also participates in mandatory registration for political engagement where such register exist (e.g. SSE's European Declaration).

C12.4

(C12.4) Have you published information about your organization's response to climate change and GHG emissions performance for this reporting year in places other than in your CDP response? If so, please attach the publication(s).